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Our Case No. 115/453

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Lawrence I Bell et al.

Serial No. 09/997,392

Filing Date: November 28, 2001

For

CHEESE FRACTIONATING PROCESS

Examiner: Unassigned

Group Art Unit No. 1761

**PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF FILING DATE**

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Applicants petition for correction of the filing date of the present application, 09/997,392, filed on November 28, 2001, for a Cheese Fractionating Process.

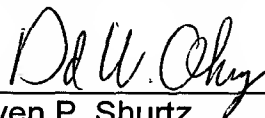
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Accordingly, Applicants petition the Patent Office to issue a corrected filing receipt listing the Filing Date as 11/28/2001. Applicants believe that no petition fee is due because the proper procedures were followed, and the error seems to be merely a mistake on the part of the Patent Office. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,



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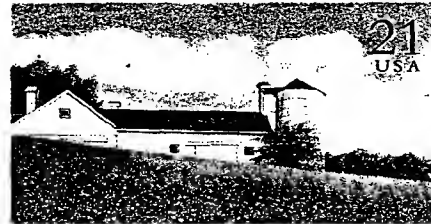
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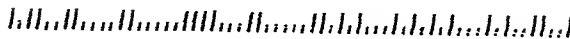
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